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- 25X1 1. The airfield of NIKOLO-KHOVANSKOYE (37°27'E/55°36'N) was near the PW Camp No. 7435/9 in KOMUNARKA. Jet fighters stationed there were observed over the field (straight leading and trailing edges of wings, long front section of fuselage, nose wheel, speed estimated at about 450 mph).
2. Individual turbo-jet aircraft with swept-back wings were frequently seen approaching from the MOSCOW vicinity after late 1948. These planes apparently were a light type bomber. Up to mid-1949, they were only seen towed by other aircraft. Not before August 1949 did 20 of these planes appear flying under their own power. They were believed to fly at supersonic speeds; in any case, their speed was much higher than that of other jet fighters.
3. Individual four-engine aircraft flying at a great altitude were seen in July and August 1949. These planes which the PWs compared with the German Gigant or the biggest US aircraft were carrying "something big" which could be distinctly seen, under their right wing. The observed object projected beyond the two edges of the wing and widened out under the wing. The PWs thought it possibly was a small fighter plane which was carried along by the four-engine aircraft for protection.

25X1 Comment:

a. This report confirmed and supplemented available information on the obviously important airfield of NIKOLO-KHOVANSKOYE near KOMUNARKA. According to this information, a center for reequipment with jet aircraft or a fighter pilot school for retraining with jet aircraft is located at the field. The plane described in para 1 may be one of the earliest Soviet jet types of the Yak-15 or MIG-1 version.

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25X1 b. The swept-back jet fighters (para2) were also mentioned
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25X1 seen towed by other planes is not quite clear. [REDACTED]
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c. The statement on a parasite fighter fitted under the wing of a B-29 (para 3) is new. The carrying of fighters under the fuselage of Soviet four-engine bombers was, however, repeatedly mentioned. From available information, it cannot be determined whether this parasite fighter was a turbojet, a rocket-driven, or a ram jet fighter.

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